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Reformers Headed for Buffalo.

The second annual meeting of the National Social and Political conference will meet in Detroit June 27 to July 4. These people are also arranging to run down and see the Pan-American exposition. The conference will be a much more pretentious one than that which was held in Buffalo, as 1,100 of the reformers have already given notice that they will be present. The conference will be made up of librarians, clergymen, college professors, editors, magazine publishers, populists, single taxers, socialists, prohibitionists, trade unionists, social betterment workers, workers in municipal associations, direct legislature-ists, and in fact all kinds of reform workers. The assignment of speakers is not completed. Mayor Maybury of Detroit will give the address of welcome and Tom Johnson, of Cleveland, will make the opening address. Other speakers will be Col. S. F. Norton, Chicago; Marie C. Brehm, Evanston; Milton Park, Texas; Prof. Graham Taylor, Chicago Commons; Congressman Lentz, Ohio; Mayor Jones, Toledo; O. T. Stewart, chairman of the prohibitionists; Geo. Fred Williams, Massachusetts; Jo. A. Parker, chairman mid-road populists; Prof. Frank Parsons, Boston; Mrs. Anna Diggs, Kansas; ex-Senator Chas. E. Towne, Minnesota; Eltwed Pomeroy, Newark, N. J.; Willis J. Abbott, Ann Arbor.—Exposition Bulletin.

Mayor Tom Johnson's Way.

Major W. J. Gleason appeared before the board of control one day last week and announced that he wished to make a complaint.
"Go ahead," said Mayor Tom L. Johnson.
"The Big Consolidated Street Car company is preparing to relay its tracks on Cedar avenue and put down the old cobble stones between tracks."
"What's the kick?"
"They're an eyesore and—"
"Come forward, Mr. McCormick," called the mayor to the manager of the Big Consolidated.
"We're only relaying one track," said McCormick, "next year we'll relay the other and put down Medina block stone between both tracks."
"Is that satisfactory, Mr. Gleason?" asked the mayor.
"Yes, if they do it."
"Will you write a letter to the board agreeing to do that?" inquired the mayor of Mr. McCormick.
"I will."
"Another thing," said Major Gleason, "they're putting these cobble stones on our lawns."
"Will you repair all lawns?" said the mayor, turning to McCormick.
"We are willing to do anything we can."
"Will you repair the lawns?"
"We'll put down boards and protect them."
"Will you repair the lawns?"
"Um-er-yes."
"Will you include that in your letter?"
"Yes."
"Are you satisfied, mayor?"
"I am."
"What's the next business?" inquired the mayor.
Before the board adjourned Manager McCormick returned with the letter in question.
"Hold on," exclaimed the mayor, "this don't say you are going to relay the second track next summer. If you don't agree to relay it we'll make you pave between the tracks you are now tearing up with block stone if we can."
"I think we will relay the second track next summer, but if you insist on that I want to consider the matter further."
"All right. How long do you want?"
"Until tomorrow."
"Have you begun laying any of those cobble stones?"
"Yes."

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"Stop it, will you, until we agree as to that second track?"
"I don't know as I should."
"Then you won't?"
"I don't see why I should."
"Tom Galvin," cried the mayor. The deputy director of public works came forward. "Go right to Cedar avenue and stop the men who are relaying cobble stones there. Don't allow them to begin again until you hear from this board."
Galvin hustled out. McCormick's face flushed, but he didn't have a word to say.—Chicago Chronicle.

A Real Hero.

"You go first, Jim; you are married." The two men were inside a boiler cleaning it and their lives were in peril because of the intruding steam. James, the man addressed for whom William had stepped aside, rushed up the ladder and escaped with his life, though badly burned. When William had reached the top the flesh was dropping from his limbs. His act of heroism cost him his life.
It is hard to imagine such an act, such thoughtfulness, such regard for a home and surroundings. It is our duty, however, to place the name of the man high on the honor roll of the real heroes of our day and time.—Buffalo Times.

Precept and Practice.

"We are slaves of custom," answered Mr. Bliggins. "We tie ourselves down to the tyranny of tradition and mock the very men who seek to free us from our shackles. We are too ready to fear what people think; too ready to spend a thoughtless gibe—"
Mr. Bliggins suddenly stopped and began laughing.
"What's the matter?" asked his wife.
"Give me my hat, quick. There goes Timmins with a straw hat on. First

straw hat of the season! If I don't make life a burden for him I'll know the reason why."—Washington Star.

Two Great Secrets.

Adele, bolder and more curious than Victor (for she was a girl), wanted to find out what was the meaning of his silent admiration. She said: "I am sure you have secrets. Have you not one secret greater than all?" Victor acknowledged that he had secrets and that one of them was greater than all the rest. "Just like me!" cried Adele. "Well, come now, tell me your greatest secret and I will tell you mine." "My great secret," Victor replied, "is that I love you." "And my great secret is that I love you," said Adele, like an echo.—(From Love Letters of Victor Hugo.

Slips of the Pen.

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There is no glue that will mend a broken reputation.
There is no soap that will cleanse a soiled character.
There is no net that will gather in wasted time and opportunity.
Language, signs, music, art, have all vainly tried to depict love. Only a life of devotion and service can properly express it.
Housekeeping isn't much of a trick. Pay your rent and you can keep the house just as long as you want it.—Los Angeles Herald.

Humane.

"This automobile of ours," said the manufacturer, "has one very useful attachment not seen in others."
"Ah! I suppose you refer to that fender. But why is it rigged so far back?"
"That isn't a fender, my dear sir. It is designed to pick up the remains of any one who happens to be hit."—Philadelphia Press.

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